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SUBJ: CYPRUS MISSING PERSONS

1. SUMMARY: IN TELEPHONE CONVERSATION ON NOV. 18 FOR MIN CHRISTOPHIDES DESCRIBED TO MEZVINSKY ASPECTS OF WORKING PAPER WHICH COULD BE TROUBLESOME TO GREEK/CYPRIOIS. CHRISTOPHIDES PLANS TO BE AWAY FROM NICOSIA THIS NEXT WEEK. MEANWHILE IN NEW YORK AMB. TURKMEN TOLD US THAT ANKARA PLANS TO SEND TULUMEN TO NICOSIA ON NOV. 19. END SUMMARY

2. FOREIGN MINISTER CHRISTOPHIDES CONVEYED TO MEZVINSKY HIS FEELING OF EUPHORIA WHEN HE LEFT NEW YORK LAST SATURDAY, HE BECAME DISCOURAGED DURING THE WEEK AS REPORTS WERE RECEIVED OF TURKISH REVISIONS AND THE DELETION OF THE PRINCIPLE OF MAJORITY VIEW DECISION PROCEDURE. CHRISTOPHIDES NOW VIEWS THE WORKING PAPER AS NOT WITHOUT PROMISE BUT CONTAINING PROBLEM AREAS - (A) DECISION PROCEDURE, (2) FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT FOR INVESTIGATIVE PURPOSES, (3) PROHIBITION AGAINST EXHUMATION.

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3. MEZVINSKY NOTED THAT U.S. ALSO GREW DISHEARTENED THIS WEEK AT SLOWNESS TO ACHIEVE UNDERSTANDING, BUT WE NOW BELIEVED A BREAKTHROUGH IS WITHIN REACH. MEZVINSKY NOTED THAT THE TURKS APPEAR TO BE TAKING A SANGUINE VIEW SINCE THE FOREIGN MINISTRY WAS SENDING MR. TULUMEN TO NICOSIA ON NOV 19.

WITH REGARD TO PARA 2 ON THE DECISION PROCEDURE, MEZVINSKY SAID THAT A MAJORITY VIEW ALTERNATIVE WHEN CONSENSUS DID NOT OBTAIN WAS INDEED IMPLICIT IN THE REVISED DRAFT. THIS WAS VALID INTERPRETATION OF PARA 2.

4. CHRISTOPHIDES POINTED OUT THAT HIS SCHEDULE NEXT WEEK WOULD TAKE HIM TO ATHENS, BRUSSELS, STRASBOURG, AND LONDON. HE ASKED THAT WE BE IN TOUCH WITH MRS. STELLA SOULIOTI CHAIRMAN OF THE CYPRUS RED CROSS, PELAGHIAS, DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE FOREIGN MINISTRY, AND PAPADOPOULOS, THE INTERCOMMUNAL NEGOTIATOR.

5. MEANWHILE AMB. TURKMEN IN NEW YORK SAID HE WAS HEARTENED BY ANKARA'S DECISION TO DESPATCH TULUMEN TO NICOSIA TO MEET ON NOV 19 WITH DENKTASH AND TURKISH/ CYPRIOT LEADERS. TURKMEN SAID HE INTERPRETED THIS AS A SIGN THAT ANKARA WAS PROCEEDING ON THE ASSUMPTION THAT THE WORKING PAPER IN MORE OR LESS ITS PRESENT FORM WOULD BE ACCEPTED BY THE GREEK/CYPRIOTS. WE AGREED TO STAY IN CLOSE CONTACT DURING THE NEXT 48 HOURS.
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